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Dear Friend:

It is with great pleasure I share with you some of the tremendous accomplishments St. Joseph's Health has achieved over the past 18 months in healthcare and philanthropy. We are comprised of St. Joseph's University Medical Center (SJUMC) and St. Joseph's Children's Hospital (SJCH) in Paterson, St. Joseph's Wayne Medical Center (SJWMC), as well as St. Joseph's Healthcare and Rehab Center (SJHRC) in Cedar Grove. In addition to our anchor facilities, St. Joseph's Health also consists of Visiting Health Services of New Jersey, Inc. (VHSNJ), a partnership formed in 2017 with Hackensack Meridian Health, built on over 25 years of experience. Additionally, St. Joseph's Health operates more than 30 ambulatory sites and clinics throughout Northern New Jersey. We ended calendar-year 2018 on a high note, and have started out strong in 2019, due in large part to the generosity and support of donors and partners like you!

In 2018, St. Joseph's Health responded to over 1.6 million outpatient visits and over 187,000 Emergency Department visits; admitted 33,384 inpatients; conducted 14,420 surgeries; and performed over 3,400 deliveries! In every instance, we strive to provide excellent care and remain true to our mission as a healing ministry of the Catholic Church, sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth. St. Joseph's is committed to providing exceptional quality care which sustains and improves both individual and community health, with a special concern for those who are poor, vulnerable and underserved.

The most notable highlights from January 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019 include:

- The successful transition of the St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center Foundation and the St. Joseph's Wayne Hospital Foundation into one unified entity, the **St. Joseph's Health Foundation**. This effort was led by Kevin J. Slavin, President and CEO, St. Joseph's Health, and Robert B. Budelman, III, Vice President and Chief Development Officer. The Foundation has also welcomed Mark M. Cantine, Major Gifts Officer; Patricia Paolucci, Manager, Strategic Events; Stephanie Castellanos, Coordinator, Strategic Events; and Sr. June Morrissey, SC, Foundation Associate as part of the merging of the two foundations.
- The Foundation had a record year in 2018, raising over **\$6.1 million in support of St. Joseph's Health**. We are thankful to the 1,334 donors who partnered with us to help support our mission.
- An estate gift of **\$1.9 million was received from the Lester Moss Charitable Remainder Trust** to support the values-based mission of St. Joseph's Health. Lester Moss embodied St. Joseph's Health's core values of Charity, Stewardship, Justice, Excellence, and Dignity. With a renewed emphasis on Planned Giving, we've partnered with FreeWill, which provides a simple, intuitive, and efficient way to create a donor's will. The service is free, whether or not you choose to include a gift to St. Joseph's Health. To learn more visit www.FreeWill.com/SJH.

- The breaking ground and near completion of the **Santo LoConte Center for Child Safety, Resiliency, and Advocacy**, funded with a commitment of over **\$1.5 million from the LoConte Family Foundation**. The Santo LoConte Center will house programs that address Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), an evidence-based approach to addressing trauma and helping families break the cycle of poverty. The programs under the umbrella of the LoConte Center, such as a family re-unification program, are currently in operation, but housed in disparate spaces across St. Joseph's Children's Hospital. We will now be able to provide each of these programs under one roof, in a home-like environment that is designed especially for these programs and our patient population.
- The success of the Foundation's strategic events, including the signature St. Joseph's Health Foundation Gala, Fashion with Compassion, Montclair Golf Outing and Liberty National Golf Outing, as well as a number of other events. In total, the 2018 events raised over **\$1.4 million and engaged over 2,500 friends and benefactors** of the St. Joseph's Health Foundation. Thank you to all those who participated.
- The expansion of our partnership with **The Valerie Fund** that supports The Valerie Fund Children's Center for Pediatric Cancer & Blood Disorders at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital, which responds to over 5,000 outpatient visits every year for children suffering from cancer or blood disorders. In 2016, St. Joseph's Children's Hospital was designated as the newest Valerie Fund Children's Center, joining a prestigious consortium that includes New York-Presbyterian Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. This honor enables us to provide comprehensive psychosocial support, at no cost to our patients' families. We are thankful for the Valerie Fund's annual gift of **nearly \$360,000**, as well as their commitment of an additional **\$433,500 over the next three years** to support integrative therapies and an additional social worker.
- The expanded scope of the Health Coalition of Passaic County (HCPC), an initiative launched by St. Joseph's with support from **The Nicholson Foundation**, to improve the health and quality of life for residents of Greater Passaic County by addressing social determinants of health. A **\$150,000 grant by the Henry & Marilyn Taub Foundation** enables HCPC to begin supporting Paterson seniors residing at home as they age.
- The continued success of our **Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU)**, which provides life-saving services to our community. The MICU was awarded the 2018 American Heart Association's Mission Lifeline Gold Plus Award for STEMI and Stroke Care, recognizing the strong collaboration between pre-hospital and hospital care. Only 1% of Emergency Medical Services Systems in the country achieve this prestigious honor. St. Joseph's also purchased a new state-of-the-art emergency response vehicle for our MICU fleet, with the support of the **Columbia Bank Foundation, which contributed over \$100,000 total in 2018**.
- Our collaboration with the **Tom Coughlin Jay Fund**, which generously provides comprehensive assistance to pediatric cancer patients' families struggling with the financial burdens following a childhood cancer diagnoses. In 2018, the Jay Fund made its **largest commitment to date, \$60,000, and gave an additional \$10,000** to underwrite St. Joseph's Children's Hospital's Cancer Survivors Day event in June 2019.
- The growing impact of our **Alternatives to Opioids (ALTO®) program**, an innovative approach to pain management that has dramatically reduced opioid dispensing in our Emergency Department. Our ALTO® program inspired the *Alternatives to Opioids in the Emergency Department Act*, signed into federal law in October 2018. The dedication and commitment from our team has produced a blueprint for the nation to follow. Here in our home state, St. Joseph's has entered into a relationship with both the New Jersey Department of Health and New Jersey Hospital Association to use ALTO® as a model for all New Jersey hospitals. St. Joseph's has been designated as the lead hospital and our own Dr. Mark Rosenberg and Dr. Alexis M. LaPietra will lead the education process for NJDOH and NJHA statewide. Philanthropy powers continued innovations under the ALTO® umbrella. **Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey awarded a grant of \$55,000** toward our collaboration with Eva's Village, which supports patients with addiction.

- The participation of 12 industry-leading corporations in the **2018 Corporate Champions program**. This program invites businesses to develop a partnership with St. Joseph's, and provides participating companies with visibility and recognition, employee engagement opportunities, employee health/wellness support, and executive benefits. We hosted our first Corporate Champions networking breakfast, attended by 50 community and business leaders and featuring speakers Kevin J. Slavin, President & CEO, St. Joseph's Health and Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr. of NJ's 9th District.
- The establishment of the **Nicole Ramsden Serenity Garden** located in the courtyard at SJUMC, sponsored by the Ramsden, Carone, and Montemarano families in honor of Nicole Ramsden, a former patient of St. Joseph's Children's Hospital before her passing in February 2010. Mary Ramsden, Nicole's mother, shares, *"I don't know what we would have done without St. Joseph's. Cancer shattered our lives – but we fought back. We will be forever grateful for St. Joseph's expertise and compassion."*
- The collaboration of St. Joseph's Health Foundation and Atlas Holdings, Inc. to support and administer the **Marcus Employee Relief Fund**, which has raised over \$230,000 to support the 500 employees who lost their jobs as a result of the January 2019 fire that destroyed the historic Elmwood Park paper mill. The Marcalus Family and the Marcal Paper Company have deep ties to St. Joseph's Health.
- The **renewed Magnet® recognition** for the excellent care provided by our world-class nurses. St. Joseph's University Medical Center, which includes St. Joseph's Children's Hospital, received Magnet® designation by the *American Nurses Credentialing Center* for the fifth consecutive time since 1999, an accomplishment spanning 20 years and reached by **only 12 hospitals nationwide**.
- **The receipt of several prestigious awards for excellence in healthcare across our System**. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services bestowed on St. Joseph's Healthcare and Rehab Center a **5-star rating** for its dedication to performance standards, staffing and quality measures, echoed by **U.S. News and World Report's** ranking of SJHRC as one of the **"Best Nursing Homes."** The **Leapfrog Group** rated St. Joseph's University Medical Center a **Top Teaching Hospital**, and the Healthcare Accreditation Services awarded the Medical Center the gold seal for **Comprehensive Stroke Center** and **Primary Stroke Center** at St. Joseph's Wayne Medical Center. Lastly, St. Joseph's took top honors at the **2018 NJBIZ Health Care Heroes Awards** with our own Dr. James Pruden, an emergency physician, garnering the **Physician of the Year** award, and Dana Beenstock, a nurse practitioner, named **Nurse of the Year**.

In closing, thank you for the part you have played in making this work a reality. We value your partnership and recognize your important role in fulfilling our mission. I invite you to visit our new Foundation website www.GiveToStJosephs.org to learn more about the Foundation's impact, leadership, and staff, as well important updates about upcoming events, including the 2019 Golf Outings (June 25 and August 19) and Gala (September 21). We are blessed by the generosity of many. Thank you for your dedication and passion for St. Joseph's Health.

Sincerely,



Dean P. Emmolo
Board Chair



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